IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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CHINLE JUSTICE COURT)	Administrative Order
)	No. 2013 – 93
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The Honorable Donna Grimsley, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Apache County, recently informed the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) of financial irregularities that have occurred in the Chinle Justice Court.

A review of the court's most recent operational review evaluation report, dated March 2009, also identified several areas in which the court had significant problems with respect to compliance with the Minimum Accounting Standards (MAS) including, but not limited to, the segregation of duties, cash handling, reconciliation, and remittance. It appears that several issues were not rectified, as the court continues to exhibit difficulties in complying with MAS.

Further, as of November 12, 2013, the court has no staff to execute the clerical and administrative functions of the court that would permit compliance with MAS.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that Judge Grimsley shall assume administrative control and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Chinle Justice Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Grimsley may issue such orders as may be required to ensure the proper and independent operations of the Chinle Justice Court and to see to it that deficiencies are corrected. In addition to the day-to-day operations, administrative control shall also include control of all court records.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no paper or record of the Chinle Justice Court shall be altered or destroyed without authorization of Judge Grimsley or her designee, consistent with the document retention policies of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2013.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH Chief Justice